

REMARKS

The allowability of claims 1, 3-4 and 6-11 if amended to overcome the formal objections has been noted. The claims have been amended essentially as kindly suggested by the Examiner. However, as discussed by telephone with the Examiner on September 13th, claims 7 and 8 have been amended to provide the antecedent basis desired by the Examiner for the reference therein to a signal rather than amending claim 1, line 1, as the Examiner proposed. While the applicants appreciated the Examiner's suggestion for amendment of line 1 of claim 1, it is thought, as noted in the discussion with the Examiner, that the indicated amendment of claims 7 and 8 accomplishes the desire for antecedent basis in somewhat clearer fashion. It is believed the indicated amendment of claims 7 and 8, in lieu of the Examiner's proposed amendment of claim 1, line 1, is acceptable to the Examiner.

It is thought that the claim changes made herein obviate the Examiner's objections. Accordingly, allowance of the application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's courtesy and helpfulness in the telephone discussion are acknowledged with appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

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